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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Some of these documents were cited in co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/654,182 filed September 1, 2000, which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/475,385 filed December 30, 1999, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/663,709, filed June 14, 1996 (now abandoned). In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609, it is not necessary to provide copies of those documents with this filing. WO 97/47382 is enclosed and corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/663,709. Also, copies of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/654,182 and 09/475,385 are enclosed.

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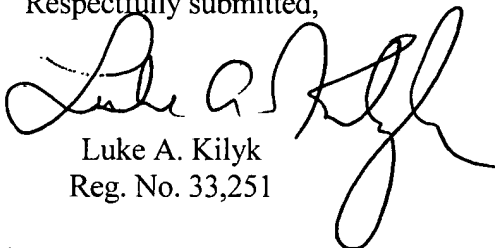
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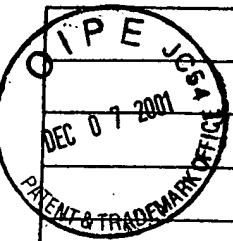
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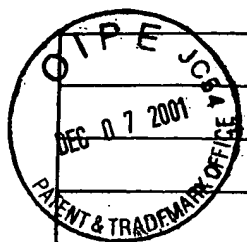
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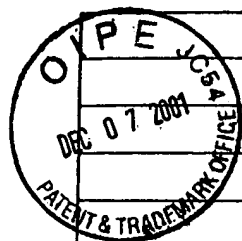
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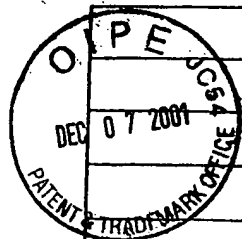
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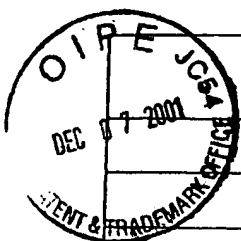
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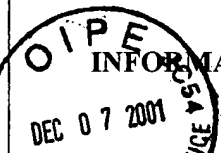
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